

1,000 meals a day. She was also instrumental in establishing the Battered Women's Assistance Program, the Mondanaro-Baskin Center for Women and Children, the Schools Plus public schools matching-funds program and the Cabrillo College of Child Care Center. The Baskin name can be found on numerous buildings, endowments, programs, and contributions throughout the region.

For many years Mrs. Baskin served on the Santa Cruz County Seniors Commission and contributed to Stanford University and U.C. Santa Cruz, where a computer engineering center and student art studios proudly carry the Baskin name. Mr. and Mrs. Baskin were named Santa Cruz Chamber of Commerce Woman and Man of the Year in 1986. Mrs. Baskin remained active in her later years. Enthralled by ballroom dancing and ice skating, she also continued to skate and ice dance several times a week.

Mrs. Baskin was diagnosed with cancer just 3½ weeks before she passed away. She chose to refuse treatment, wishing quality time with her family, rather than quantity. She is survived by her husband, Jack Baskin of Santa Cruz; her mother, Valentina Djatschenko of Santa Cruz; her son, Nicholas Baran of Sandpoint, ID; two stepdaughters, Elaine Baskin of Palo Alto and Marianne Gabriel of Watsonville; two grandchildren; and four step grandchildren. While Mrs. Elena Baskin will be greatly missed by those who knew her, her acts will continue to be an inspiration to us all.

TRIBUTE TO OFFICER JOSEPH ALU AND DETECTIVE JIM O'HARA

HON. PETER DEUTSCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 8, 1995

Mr. DEUTSCH. Mr. Speaker, today I pay tribute to two outstanding police officers, Officer Joseph Alu and Detective Jim O'Hara, whose heroism and sacrifice demonstrates a commitment far beyond the call of duty.

On July 25, Detective O'Hara and Officer Alu responded to a call that a man had taken two teen-age girls hostage. The officers, responding to the girls' screams for help, entered the bedroom where the man was holding the girls hostage. As they opened the door, the man detonated the bomb which scorched the gasoline soaked room, instantly killing both himself and the girls. The officers, trapped in the room when the bomb went off, survived, but suffered severe burns.

Both officers were airlifted to Jackson Memorial Hospital in Miami, the area's principal burn treatment center. Over one quarter of Officer Alu's body was covered with severe burns, and he was listed in critical condition. Detective O'Hara fared much worse.

Over 80 percent of Mr. O'Hara's body was covered with third degree burns, and he had a gunshot wound in his thigh. He is still in the hospital today and still in critical condition. His wife, who gave birth to their son just 6 days after the explosion, spends as much time at O'Hara's bedside as the hospital allows, and his entire family has held prayer vigils at the hospital.

However, Mr. Speaker, there was an even greater tragedy brought to light by this one in-

cident. Because the officers were forced to retire, the Plantation Police Department would not cover their medical expenses. The policy, at the time of this accident, was that the department didn't pay the medical expenses of those who retired—even those who were forced to retire because of injuries suffered on the job. This is a policy which is not uncommon in many communities across the country. In light of this tragedy, Plantation changed its policy retroactively to include the two officers. It shouldn't take similar events to cause other communities to do the same.

We need legislation in this country which protects those who risk their lives everyday to fight the war on crime, or fight fires, or fight to save others lives. We need laws which protect our valiant men and women on the front lines. When they go down in the line of duty, we have an obligation to provide for their long-term care. These two officers risked everything when they tried to save the lives of two young girls from a madman, how can we ask others to do the same if we won't stand behind them?

HONORING MILTON S. HERSHEY

HON. JAY KIM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 8, 1995

Mr. KIM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Mr. Milton S. Hershey, a great American who today is being honored on a new 32-cent stamp.

Milton Hershey was the founder of the Milton Hershey School and what has become Hershey Foods Corporation. Hershey's business success allowed him to practice an extensive philanthropy. He and his wife, Catherine, established among other things, a school for orphan boys that today is known as the Milton Hershey School and provides a home and no-cost education for more than 1,100 disadvantaged boys and girls.

The legacy of Milton S. Hershey lives on through the work of some 7,000 alumni of the Milton Hershey School. These alumni are located throughout the world, as well as in my district—California's 41st Congressional District, and have gone on to successful careers in law, business, sports, and journalism to name but a few. It was these alumni who deserve credit for a successful letter writing campaign to the Citizen's Stamp Advisory Committee for the Milton S. Hershey stamp. The Hershey stamp marks the 50th anniversary of Hershey's death and the 86th anniversary of the Milton Hershey School.

Hershey joins an elite rank of Americans such as Jack London, Sinclair Lewis, Pearl Buck, and former U.S. Chief Justice Earl Warren in being honored with a postal stamp.

This distinctive occasion stands as a tribute to a truly wonderful and philanthropic American, and it is indeed worthy to note this achievement.

HONORING MARLENE POST

HON. GARY L. ACKERMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 8, 1995

Mr. ACKERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate with the members of the Long Island Division of Israel Bonds as they gather at the Woodbury Jewish Center in Nassau County, NY, to honor Marlene Post as the recipient of the Jerusalem 3000 Award.

Marlene Post, the National President of Hadassah, emerged from college with a strong sense of dedication and social concern to begin a career as a nursing educator in a variety of health-care institutions. Today, she serves in an exemplary fashion on a number of advisory boards in the field, such as the New York State Commission for the Disabled; the Israel-based Association of Organizations of Persons With Disabilities, which she chairs; and the Israel Sport Center for the Disabled, where she is a national vice president.

Marlene Post has distinguished herself by providing more than 25 years of inspiring service to Hadassah. During her tenure as Hadassah's national treasurer, the organization raised over \$80 million for its service program. Before that, Ms. Post served Hadassah in a variety of important positions: National Chairperson of Hadassah's Membership, Organization and Outreach Departments; National Chairperson of Young Judea, Hadassah's youth organization; and National Convention Chairperson in 1989 and 1990.

In addition, she has served as the chairperson of the Long Island Israel Bond campaign and currently serves on its advisory board.

Mr. Speaker, under her brilliant leadership in these various roles, Marlene Post has extended the services of Hadassah to thousands of needy individuals, and has helped Hadassah intensify its programs that serve our youth, as well as those dedicated to American and Israeli women's issues.

I ask my colleagues to join with me now in paying tribute to Marlene Post, and in thanking her for her many years of dedicated service.

IN HONOR OF SIMON KONOVER

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 8, 1995

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, today I have the pleasure of joining Israel Bonds and more than 80 other community leaders from Connecticut who have come to Washington to honor Simon Konover. Mr. Konover has been chosen to receive the New Life Award, an award given to Holocaust survivors. The New Life Award honors those who have built a new existence for themselves after having endured the tragedies of the Holocaust. A small statue of a silver fist grasping the flame of freedom, the New Life Award recognizes the indomitable human spirit of Holocaust survivors and remember the 6 million Jews who perished in Nazi labor camps. On this 50th anniversary year of the liberation of Europe, it is fitting that the award be presented to Simon Konover, who emerged from the dark shadows of his

own Holocaust experience, to forge a bright future for himself, his family, and the Jewish people.

Simon Konover has dedicated his life to the cultural renewal of the Jewish people and the State of Israel. A tireless community servant and a good friend, I can think of no better person to receive Israel Bond's New Life Award. Simon, his wife Doris, and their four children reside in Hartford, where they attend Beth El Temple. Simon has volunteered much of his time toward the betterment of the Jewish community. Simon's tremendous motivation stems from his personal Holocaust experience.

A survivor of the labor camps in Poland and Siberia, who also fought in the battle of Stalingrad, Simon has championed numerous Jewish and civic causes. He is the past president of the Jewish Federation of Greater Hartford, the Greater Hartford Israel Bond Campaign, and the Connecticut Society of Yad Vashem, an honorary life member of the Greater Hartford Jewish Community and the Hebrew Home and Hospital. Simon held the national vice-chairmanship of the United Jewish Appeal in 1987-88, is an overseer at the Jewish Theological Seminary, a director of American Organization for Rehabilitation and Training for immigrants from Israel, and a member of the Israel Bond's President's Club. As a founder of the Holocaust museum, Simon raised and contributed a significant amount of money to complete this much needed historical archive for people from all over the world.

I would like to extend my warmest congratulations to Simon Konover for his endurance and his perseverance on behalf of the Jewish community and the people of Israel. This well deserved award could only be presented to a man like Simon Konover who has constantly worked to enhance the lives of the Jewish community and the people of Israel.

THE ARMY PUBLICATION CENTER
IN BALTIMORE, MD

HON. ROBERT L. EHRLICH, JR.

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 8, 1995

Mr. EHRLICH. Mr. Speaker, House Joint Resolution 102, the recommendation to disapprove of the BRAC list, places me—like many of my colleagues—in the difficult position of supporting an important process, which I respect, while disapproving the circumstances and final decision involving the closure of the Army Publications Center in Baltimore, MD. It is easy to understand why the concept of the BRAC Commission was designed to allow an independent body to render decisions that Congress must completely accept or reject. I echo many of my colleagues who have praised the BRAC process, while disapproving of closing specific bases. However, as a legislator that prefers to deal with the facts, let me make the following observations:

The Army Publications Center falls below the BRAC threshold and does not need the Commission's approval or disapproval for closure. Simply stated, the Publications Center did not belong on the BRAC list.

When it came time for voting, the Commission based its decision on the Army's erroneous justifications and inaccurate statements.

The Army supplied the commissioners with misleading data which the Publication Center and I consistently refuted. In the end, the Army, so determined to close the Baltimore Center and consolidate operations to St. Louis, convinced enough commissioners this highly technological, extremely efficient center located in Middle River, MD, was in need of closure.

When my base realized it was slated for closure, the employees did not criticize or complain. Instead, they offered real solutions to achieve true savings for the Department of Defense while increasing military readiness. They Army, however, would not consider this commonsense approach of evaluating and consolidating all DOD publications centers.

Summarily, I reject the argument that the Baltimore Publications Center, winner of Vice President GORE's hammer award and the Army's communities of excellence award, is a base worthy of such closure. This superior center, with its hardworking employees, served our troops with pride during the Persian Gulf war. A center, such as the one located in Baltimore, should be judged on its merits, not Washington politics. So I find myself in the unenviable position of voting against this resolution, but with serious reservations and feelings of disappointment. Disappointments for the employees of the Baltimore Center that worked tirelessly for something they believed in and disappointment in a process where facts and individual merit should have carried the day.

TRIBUTE TO BOBBY MORAVEC

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKEY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 8, 1995

Mr. VISCLOSKEY. Mr. Speaker, it is my great pleasure to rise today and call your attention to Bobby Moravec of Calumet Township, IN. Bobby's story serves as an inspiration to residents of Indiana's First Congressional District, as well as all Americans. This year, Bobby, who has Down's Syndrome, competed in the Special Olympic World Games against over 700 athletes from 143 countries around the world. Bobby succeeded in winning a bronze medal for the shot put and a fifth place ribbon for the softball throw. Bobby also placed sixth in the 50-meter race.

Bobby, a student at Merrillville High School, was nominated for the World Games, the largest sporting event in the world, by Laura Smith, treasurer for the Special Olympics group sponsored by the Northwest Indiana Special Education Co-op in Crown Point, IN. Because Bobby had won a gold medal in last year's Indiana State games, he was then chosen to advance to the World Games as an athlete on the 10-member Indiana track and field team.

Bobby has been active in the Regional Special Olympic games for 9 years and the State Special Olympic games for 5 years. He has earned four gold, six silver and one bronze medal for events ranging from the 50-meter race, the softball throw, basketball, the standing long jump, the shot put, and skiing.

Bobby trains 3 days a week at Merrillville High School. His vigorous training schedule includes a day of weight lifting, walking and run-

ning around the track, and practicing the shot put and softball throw. According to Bobby's parents, Ed and Marge Moravec, his coach, Maxine Urbanczyk of Merrillville, IN, was there at each training session to prepare him for the World Games. Ed and Marge add that she gave him encouragement when he needed it and praise when he deserved it. They say that the Special Olympics needs more coaches like Maxine.

When Bobby cannot be found in the training room, he may be participating in the other activities that he loves so much. Bobby may be fishing, playing on the Challenger softball and basketball team, or bowling. During football season, Bobby can be found at Andrean High School football games, where he has been the ball boy for the last 3 years.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my other colleagues congratulate and commend Bobby for his hard work and dedication to succeed, not only in the Special Olympic World Games, but in his everyday life. In a world where success doesn't come easy, Bobby has proven to be an exception to the rule.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. FRANK RIGGS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 8, 1995

Mr. RIGGS. Mr. Speaker, because I was unavoidably delayed in my return to Washington from California on Wednesday, September 6, 1995, I sought and was granted a leave of absence. During my absence, I missed three votes.

Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on rollcall No. 636, ordering the previous question on House Resolution 206;

I would have voted "no" on rollcall No. 637, motion to recommit the legislative branch appropriations conference report; and

I would have voted "aye" on rollcall No. 638, approval of the legislative branch appropriations conference report.

I ask that this statement be printed at the appropriate place in the RECORD.

VIVIEN NORMAN RETIRES; AIDE
TO FOUR CONGRESSMEN

HON. JAMES T. WALSH

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 8, 1995

Mr. WALSH. Mr. Speaker, Vivien Norman, the mainstay of my district office in Auburn, NY, and my ear to ground in all of Cayuga County in upstate New York, is as much a part of the fabric of Cayuga County as any officeholder, past or present, any businessman or woman, any farmer or merchant, any industrialist, prison guard, or health care professional. In many of our minds, she is the person to call to confirm news, flesh out a rumor, recall details or to set up a meeting. In our hearts, she is intelligent, friendly, uniquely humorous, and eminently dependable.

She is retiring now, at a young but wise age. Her history in service to four Congressmen, including my father, William F. Walsh, is a story of helping people. I am as proud to